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WASHINGTON



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Dear Mr. Fenton:

In connection with the study undertaken by the Special Committee established by USCIB to study COMINT personnel security standards and practices, and at the Committee Chairman's request, the State Department member has prepared an interim report on the standards and practices employed by the Department of State which is herewith enclosed.

It is understood that this report will serve as the basis for discussion by the Special Committee from which will be formulated a final report at a later date.

In line with my responsibility in relation to COMINT practices in the Department, I have reviewed the report and submit it for the assistance of your Committee as the findings and views of this office which exercises security supervision over the personnel and physical security programs of this Department, in order that your Committee may properly determine the need for revising existing standards and practices prompted by the disclosures in the case of Joseph Petersen.

As suggested at a previous meeting of the Committee this report has been prepared with complete objectivity and I feel I should insist it be used for the Committee's specific purposes only.

Sincerely yours,

Scott McLeod
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Administrator,

Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs

Enclosures:

Report and Security Regulations.

Mr. Jerome D. Fenton,
Chairman, USCIB Special Committee to
Study COMINT Personnel Security
Standards and Practices.

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